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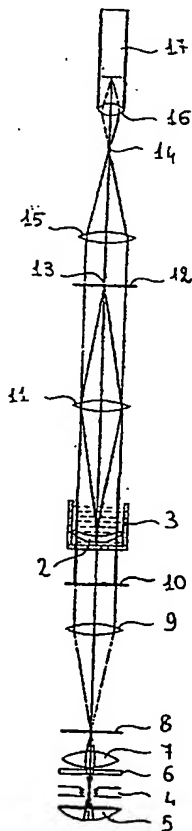
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for the automatic inspection of tinted contact lenses, in an automatic lens manufacturing process. The method comprises the use of a dark-field inspection unit, which allows to effectively detecting cosmetic defects even in correspondence of the iris print.



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